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Agenda items 2 and 3

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Basic programme of work of the Council

Draft proposals submitted by the President and members of the Bureau on the basis of informal consultations held pursuant to paragraph 2 (l) of Council decision 1988/77

Draft decision I
Proposed date of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The Economic and Social Council decides that its special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will be held at Headquarters on 14 April 2008.

Draft decision II
Provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2008 of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council, having considered the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2008 and 2009,[1] approves the provisional agenda for its substantive session of 2008.

Draft decision III
Basic programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 2009

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the list of questions for inclusion in the programme of work of the Council for 2009.[2]

[1] E/2008/1, section I.
[2] Ibid., section II.

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Draft decision IV
Working arrangements for the substantive session of 2008 of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides on the following working arrangements for its substantive session of 2008:

(a) The high-level segment will be held from 30 June to 3 July 2008;

(b) Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions will be held on 7 July 2008;

(c) The coordination segment will be held from 7 to 9 July 2008;

(d) The operational activities segment will be held from 10 to 14 July 2008;

(e) The humanitarian affairs segment will be held from 15 to 17 July 2008;

(f) The general segment will be held from 18 to 24 July 2008;

(g) The conclusion of the work of the Council will be on 25 July 2008.

Draft decision V
Theme for the 2008 thematic discussion of the Economic and Social Council

[*to be decided*].

Draft decision VI
Operational activities segment of the 2008 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides that the work of the operational activities segment of its substantive session of 2008 should be devoted to the progress on and implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.

Draft decision VII
Theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2008 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

[*to be completed*].

Draft decision VIII
Theme for the item on regional cooperation of the 2008 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

[*to be completed*].[3]

[3] In 2007 the Council decided that the theme for the item on regional cooperation of its 2007 substantive session would be "Regional aspects of the themes of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council's 2007 substantive session" (decision 2007/217).